

# **Feathers over Freeport - Saturday, April 30, 2016 - Wolfe's Neck Woods State Park**

## **Program Schedule**

426 Wolf Neck Road, Freeport, ME 04032 / (207) 865-4465

**8 - 10 am - Bird Walk:** Join us for a walk in the woods seeking out spring migrants and woodland residents. All levels of expertise welcome. Bring your own binoculars. Walk led by Derek Lovitch of Freeport Wild Bird Supply, and others. **Meet at the group picnic shelter.**

**9 am - 3 pm - Educational Displays:** Get bird posters, while they last, courtesy of the Maine Wildlife Park and Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Learn what other Maine state parks have to offer! Taste bird-friendly Birds & Beans coffee. **Located at the group picnic shelter.**

**10 - 11 am - Bird Walk for Children:** Birding is cool! Birding is fun! Imagine something you can do anywhere. You hear a bird, tilt your head to listen, and are able to name the species just from the sound or a quick glimpse. Your friends will be impressed! Join a naturalist on this beginning bird walk designed just for kids (children must be accompanied by parents or adults over 18). We will help you learn some of the basics of identifying birds. **Meet at the group picnic shelter.**

**10 am - 3 pm - Osprey Watch:** Get a close look at nesting ospreys through our spotting scope. Stop by for a quick look or stay as long as you like to ask questions and learn about their life story. Presented by park staff. **Meet at the "Osprey" sign across from Googins Island via either the White Pines Trail or Casco Bay Trail.**

**10 am - 3 pm - Birding Fun & Games:** Build a birdhouse, learn to sing like a bird and learn birding basics through games, hands-on activities, and crafts designed for children and families of beginning birders. The on-going activities are led by Maine Bureau of Parks and Public Lands staff and volunteers. **Located in the field near the group picnic shelter.**

**11 am - 3 pm - Food Trucks:** "Mainely Meatballs" and "Locally Sourced Burritos" have everything you need for a delicious lunch. **Setup will be near the group picnic shelter.**

**11 - Noon - Birdwatching for Beginners:** Birding is supposed to be fun. You can do it most anywhere and take it to any level but... you have to start somewhere. Spending time with our speaker will help you take the first steps in participating with minimal frustration along the wonderful path of being a "birder". We will examine books, optics, and observational skills useful to getting started. This program will be taught by David Knupp. **Meet at the group picnic shelter.**

**12 - 1 pm - The Secret Life of Ospreys:** Join Park Manager Andy Hutchinson to learn about the two osprey pairs that nest on Casco Bay, their adventures over the years at Wolfe's Neck Woods State Park, and how you can watch them and help them stay healthy. **Meet at the group picnic shelter.**

**1 - 2 pm - Springtime Wildflower Walk:** Join us for a one-hour stroll to locate and identify common early wildflowers of Wolfe's Neck Woods State Park. Led by Ranger Tami Bill. **Meet at the group picnic shelter.**

**2 - 3 pm - Soft-shell Clam Biology and Ecology: What We Are Learning About Flats in Freeport:** Soft-shell clams are a \$22 million fishery in Maine; however, much information about their population biology and ecology remains unknown. Dr. Brian Beal will discuss how clam biology and ecology are important attributes that must be considered to manage stocks effectively, answer your questions, and will take you to the flats near Wolfe's Neck to give you a hands-on and close-up look at this commercially important marine resource. Please bring your boots to the flats. **Meet at the group picnic shelter. Sponsored by, Freeport Conservation Trust.**

**3 - 4 pm - Birds of Prey Including a Golden Eagle! Presented by Hope Douglas of Wind Over Wings.**

Experience the wonder of being a few feet away from a Golden Eagle, a Screech Owl, a Red-shouldered Hawk, and an American Kestrel! Birds at Wind Over Wings are unable to survive in the wild. Each bird is an individual and each has a story.

**Held at the group picnic shelter. Sponsored by, Bow Street Market.**

**AND don't forget... at Bradbury Mountain:**

**9 am - 5 pm - Hawk Watch at the Summit continues daily through May 15, 2016! Sponsored by Freeport Wild Bird Supply.**

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